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Buckley Had Goldwater's Approval

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (UPI) William F. Buckley Jr. has revealed he had Barry Goldwater's signed endorsement at his disposal when he campaigned for mayor on the Conservative ticket last year but did not take advantage of the pledge.

Buckley said he decided against using the endorsement because he realized he was bound to poll fewer votes as a Conservative running for mayor than Goldwater had polled in New York City as the Republican Presidential candidate in 1964. He said this result would have appeared to reflect a decline in Conservative prestige, which he said would have been inaccurate.

Buckley's report came in his new book, "The Unmaking of a Mayor," published today by Viking Press.